

HOMES FOR 125,000 IN 8 MONTHS CALL FOR \$250,000,000

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BUT "BIG WORK" DRAGS.

Large Flat-Building Contracts
Held Up by High Cost
of Labor.

Times for 125,000 persons have been started in the metropolitan district from plans filed since the first of the year.

The outlay for construction reaches \$172,500,000. With the land, the total investment exceeds \$250,000,000. In the greater city alone the housing outlay has been \$155,000,000, exclusive of land, making homes for more than 100,000.

During the same period total building operations have called for \$287,700,000 in construction, with \$261,500,000 in the five city boroughs. Plans filed for new structures and alterations have amounted to \$105,000,000 in Manhattan, \$38,500,000 in the Bronx, \$66,000,000 in Brooklyn, \$47,000,000 in Queens, \$5,000,000 in Richmond. Suburban projects have taken \$26,200,000, covering Worcester, Nassau, Suffolk, and the New Jersey commuting zone.

In all sections the building movement is at high water mark, with the weekly volume still increasing. The feature has been private dwellings of all kinds and costs, built mainly with the savings of wage-earners and intended for occupation for the owners. But the steadily increasing supply of mortgage money at lower interest rates has started apartment operations on an expanding scale, and these promise to overshadow dwelling building in the near future—a much needed development for effectual housing of the masses.

BROOKLYN PRODUCES HALF OF CITY'S NEW HOUSINGS.

In Manhattan housing operations of vast importance cluster around the 145th Street station of the Washington Heights subway, where several blocks are in the hands of builders and many more remain available for immediate improvement with high-class structures.

Brooklyn is the real leader in the housing campaign, plans filed during the first eight months of the year providing homes for more than 12,000 families, at a cost more than that in all of the other four boroughs. It calls for 6,700 buildings. It is double the work planned for the entire year 1920. Planned for the Bronx are 1,200 buildings, at a cost between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 a week. Acting Superintendent Managan reported 309 buildings approved last week at an estimated cost of \$2,827,500.

Current housing projects in Queens are likewise breaking all records. Superintendent Moore of the Bureau of Building reports 800 average weekly applications for construction permits, representing an estimated outlay of \$1,000,000, this total recently having crossed \$2,000,000. Notable among operations this week was that of Henry W. Meyer in the Ridgewood section on Valentine Avenue, west of Central Avenue, where he will build fifty-eight flats, at a cost of \$950,000 to make homes for 275 families.

The Bronx is starting flat-houses at the rate of \$1,000 a week and 150 private dwellings at \$500,000. Flat-builders are getting loans for a much larger output and promise to rival Brooklyn soon in the number of persons housed.

LABOR'S REFUSAL TO CUT WAGES HALTS BIG WORK.

There is no doubt but that flat-builders would assume the lead in the homebuilding campaign this fall, as a result of plentiful supplies of mortgage capital, if labor consented to be better. They are favored by tax exemption just as much as are private dwelling builders, but the labor needed for their more substantial form of construction refuses to accept the voluntary dollar-a-day cut in wages which workers up-State and on suburban projects have been willing to concede. The various city-wide groups hold stubbornly to their wage agreements, which run to the end of the year. This naturally makes construction too costly for the majority of speculative builders, and makes lenders unwilling to advance the usual percentage on building loans covered by property which represents such an inflated production cost. As a result, contractors say, building laborers will lose in the coming year, because employers will refuse to renew wage agreements even at the dollar-a-day decrease, demanding at least a 20 per cent. reduction, whereas if labor had accepted the dollar cut now, so that work might go ahead in volume the contractors would have been willing to sign agreements for another year at that rate.

Much big work is waiting for the coming year's wage scales. The extent of this is shown by plans on architects' desks. Reported through P. W. Dodge Company last week 461 projects in hand at an estimated cost of \$2,811,900, whereas only 244 were placed under contract at \$1,538,900.

STEAL SHAWLS IMPORTED FOR ETHEL BARRYMORE.

Woman and Child Help in Robbery
of West 40th Street Shop.

Burglars who took \$7,000 worth of lingerie, silks and rare Spanish shawls from the Gertrude & Catherine Shop, No. 47 West 46th Street, employed a woman and a child, according to the police theory.

The woman is believed to have gone to the hairdressing parlor in the rear of the shop to "set the hair of the land." Then a child, it is believed, was sent through the one-foot opening at the top of the iron bars protecting the rear window. Among the loot were some shawls imported for Ethel Barrymore.

Mary Pickford, Smashing Speed Record In "3-Minute" Interview, Decries 1-Piece Bathing Suits, Short Skirts, Bobbed Hair



"Queen of the Movies" Reels
Off Answers to the 15 Questions
in 1 Minute and 40 Seconds—Believes in Prohibition but Not in the Blue Sunday.

Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

Mary Pickford is the winner up to date, of The Evening World's all-comers' competition in talking and thinking on the run. She gave me a three-minute interview in one minute and forty seconds by my watch. In the race with that watch, the best that any other quick-on-the-trigger talker has been able to do has been one minute and fifty-three seconds for Lord Northcliffe. Magistrate Jean Norris gave a three-minute interview in one minute and forty-five seconds to my gifted colleague, Martin Green. But "Our Mary" shaded Judge Norris's record by five seconds, and lost neither her breath nor her smile.

She has just come to spend a vacation in New York with her husband, Douglas Fairbanks, and I found her at the Ritz-Carlton, her littleness almost hidden under an all-enveloping gray cape with several big curls planned on the front of it. While I explained the three-minute idea, she listened with blue eyes wide under the uncured black lashes—her greatest beauty and a most effective contrast to the curls and coils of her yellow hair.

Then she remarked, with candor tempered by the Pickford smile: "I'm not going to spend time on questions I don't want to answer—I can't give up any of my three minutes to being polite about them."

"But you won't mind answering any on my list," I assured her, and she didn't, from the instant—eight minutes past 12—when I asked:

FIRST MINUTE. In Which She Flashes Answers to Ten Questions.

Q. No. 1—Have you succeeded in combining the roles of movie star and of happy wife?

Mary Pickford (smile and blue eyes wider than ever, answering in a flash)—Yes.

Q. No. 2—What has the first year of being Mrs. Fairbanks taught you?

Mary Pickford (who was married only a little more than a year ago to "Doug")—To be an optimist.

Q. No. 3—Are you going to vote this fall?

Mary Pickford (straightforwardly)—Yes, if I am in this country.

Q. No. 4—Do you approve of one-piece bathing suits for women?

Mary Pickford (who comes from California, where they're a common sight, but who was photographed recently in a modest skirted affair)—No, not in public.

Q. No. 5—Are skirts going to be longer?

Mary Pickford (whose own skirt was inches below her knees)—I hope so!

Q. No. 6—What is the greatest disadvantage to being a movie star?

Mary Pickford (hesitating just a second, then answering with another eighteen-carat smile)—I know of none!

Q. No. 7—How will you spend your vacation in New York?

Mary Pickford—Seeing plays.

Q. No. 8—Shall you ever bob your curls?

Mary Pickford (decisively)—No. I like bobbing for other people but not for me.

Q. No. 9—Do the movies need to be cleaned up?

Mary Pickford—Here and there, perhaps, but as a whole, no. It is big, fine business, and I am proud to belong to it.

Q. No. 10—Is the modern girl a really naughty young person?

Mary Pickford (amused and sympathetic)—She is not. People are so different now from what they ever

were; she's as nice as the girl of a hundred years ago.

And the first minute—Reel 1 of the interview—was just up, with ten questions answered. I went on with—

SECOND MINUTE. Slackens Pace Slightly to Frame Message to Children.

Q. No. 11—What is your greatest ambition?

Mary Pickford (earnestly)—To be a fine woman.

Q. No. 12—Do you believe that married women should keep their own names?

Mary Pickford (who is "Mrs. Fairbanks" except on her posters)—No; not if she loves her husband.

Q. No. 13—What do you think about the proposed revival of the blue Sunday?

Mary Pickford (indignantly)—I think it's an abomination.

Q. No. 14—Do you believe in Prohibition?

Mary Pickford—Yes, I believe in it.

Q. No. 15—What word will you send to all the children who are in love with you?

Mary Pickford (smiling her sweetest and taking a few extra seconds on this one)—That I think them so much for their appreciation and love and that I send my love to them.

Time—One minute and forty seconds. I told her she had achieved a record. I spoke of it to the Doubting Thomas who had introduced us and who had warned me that she couldn't answer the fifteen questions in twice the allotted three minutes.

"You have to hand it to her!" he exclaimed fervently.

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Prize Poodle Doesn't Know His Own Name

Answers to Jazz and Buster in
Court, but Is Insulted When
Called Mary.

A \$50 poodle, the innocent and good-natured subject of controversy before Magistrate Hating in Yorkville Court to-day, didn't know its name. The Magistrate, called upon to decide ownership of the dog, ordered Patrick Donnelly to one side of the room, and his neighbor, Mrs. Mary Mulvey, to the other. Then, motioning to Mrs. Mulvey, the Court told her to call the dog by the name she gave.

"Here, Buster!" she called, and the poodle rushed to her and licked her hands with glee.

It was now the damaged Donnelly's turn.

"Here, Jazz!" And the poodle deserted Mrs. Mulvey and lavished kisses over the man's hands.

The court, puzzled, turned to Capt. Hunt, a court attendant, and said: "Call that dog."

"Here, John!" And the poodle cavorted over to him.

Then Hugh Dunneavy of the Humane Society, tried an experiment.

"Come, Mary!" he called, and the dog turned its back upon the judge and walked away, insulted.

Mr. Donnelly, who lives at No. 204 East 70th Street, said the dog was about one and a half years old. Mrs. Mulvey of No. 224 East 70th Street said it was four. Mr. Dunneavy, after an examination, decided the poodle was less than two years old, and the court ruled in favor of Mr. Donnelly.

"INFERNAL MACHINE" ONLY
ASHES OF A DEAD MAN.

Can Left in Staten Island Store
Aroused Manager.

A can left on the counter of the Boulevard grocery store on Castleton Avenue, West New Brighton, Staten Island, to-day aroused the suspicion of Manager John W. O'Hara, who notified the police that he believed it was an infernal machine. The police found it contained the ashes of John Astie, who was cremated on April 7, 1914. An inscription on the inside of the can indicated this and an undertaker identified the can as a regulation receptacle for cremated bodies.

The man who left it was described as being a young Italian, wearing a slouch hat and without a coat. He said he would call for it in a few moments, but thus far has failed to do so. The police are searching for him and are also looking up the records of John Astie. So far they have learned that he died, as inscribed in the can, in April, 1914, but are at loss to explain how his ashes came into the possession of the stranger.

BRITISH WARSHIP WILL
BRING BACK 22-2 DEAD.

Honors Usually Paid Only to an
Ambassador Planned.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The American dead of the 22-2 will be accorded honors usually reserved for Ambassadors dying in a foreign country. The British Government has requested and received permission to return all the bodies recovered from the wreck to the United States on a British warship.

Secretary Denby stated that the battleship Utah, flagship of the European squadron which was ordered to England for the purpose, would be directed to return to its station in the Mediterranean. It is understood the Secretary of the Navy considers having a flotilla of American destroyers act as a convoy of honor to the British battleship.

Memorial Service for War Heroes.

Memorial services over the bodies of 2,000 soldiers of the United States who died overseas will be held at Pier No. 1, Hoboken, to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Maj. Gen. Clarence A. Edwards will be the principal speaker. The music will be by the boys' choir of St. Cecilia's Church, the Police Glee Club and the 24 Infantry Band. Attendance will be without ticket.

WAR ON TAMMANY BRONX LEADER SEEN IN KANE'S ACTION

His Acceptance of Coalition
Candidacy Regarded as Chal-
lenge to Arthur Murphy.

The action of Patrick J. Kane, Democratic leader of the Third Assembly District, in accepting the Coalition-Republican designation for Sheriff of the Bronx is looked upon by the voters there as a direct challenge to County Leader Arthur H. Murphy.

Kane put at rest to-day any doubt as to his intention of seeing the fight through. Despite the fact that he is holding a position under the Democratic organization—he is Superintendent of Public Offices and Buildings—he announced that he would stay in the field whatever may be the primary result.

Kane's job comes under Borough President Henry Bruckner, who is designated for renomination. Mr. Bruckner and Kane are personal friends. In fact, it was to further Mr. Bruckner's nomination as Alderman nine years ago that Mr. Kane had his first break with the organization.

Kane is known throughout the Bronx as "Paddy." He is one of the old school of politicians and is as often busy favoring his Republican friends as his own constituents. He is forty-eight years old and lives at No. 513 Concord Avenue. He came to this country from County Meath, Ireland, when he was ten years old. When he reached the voting age he was made standard bearer of the P. J. Kane Association, an organization at No. 750 Prospect Avenue, which still holds his name.

Kane's designation by the Fusionists will not cause any letup in his efforts to win the Democratic nomination. His workers were busy to-day completing the executive organization of an election district machine in each of the ten districts of the Bronx.

"Jimmy" Hines and his campaign managers were up in arms to-day over the disappointment they received at the hands of Ward & Gow, who control the billboards in subway stations. According to Joseph Shaleck, campaign manager for Hines, a contract signed by and between Ward & Gow and the Hines Campaign Committee to post in the subway stations a sheet bearing Hines's campaign material, has been cancelled by the advertising company on the ground that it was libelous against Charles F. Murphy. One sign posted at City Hall local station read: "Democratic Voters—On Aug. 10th Charles F. Murphy at Tammany Hall named his candidate for Borough President."

Are you going to let Murphy pick a candidate for you? If not, vote at the Primaries on Sept. 13 for a good, true Democrat for President of the Borough of Manhattan, James J. Hines, the anti-Murphy Democratic candidate."

As the only amicable way out of a deadlock with two Aldermen seeking one renomination, John F. McCourt and Stephen S. Roberts, both filed declarations to-day, to leave the way open for a neutral third party to be substituted in the Third Aldermanic District of Manhattan. It is said that pressure brought to bear by Tammany Hall resulted in both getting out in the interests of party harmony. Roberts had the support of Charles Culkin, leader of the lower section of the district, and McCourt had equal support of Commissioner William Dalton, leader of the upper end of the district. A conference will be held to-night to decide on another designee. This man, it is understood, will come from the Culkin side, and that was the principal stipulation in Roberts's withdrawing.

County Judge Haskell, asked to-day whether he would support Mayor Lockwood for Comptroller, replied that he favored a candidate from the Bronx.

It was learned that the Board of Elections has thrown out for errors the petitions of Michael F. Buckley for Sheriff and John H. Smith for Register of Kings County. Mr. Buckley was the chief organizer of a "wet" parade in Brooklyn and led the Brooklyn division in the Manhattan parade.

With Judge Haskell inveighing against Prohibition, Aldermanic President La Guardia roasting the Democratic Traction Commission appointees of Gov. Miller and ex-Senator Bennett claiming that twelve years ago he disclosed the city's "wretched finances," now being revealed by the Meyer investigating committee, the three independent Republican candidates for the Mayorate nomination campaigned in various parts of the city last night.

Cronin Is Secretary of Whalen's
Department.

John P. Cronin of No. 130 73rd Street, Brooklyn, to-day was appointed secretary of the Department of Plant and Structures, a place made vacant through the death of Frederick C. Nigelmann. Mr. Cronin was for a number of years general manager for Altona Violett & Co., and for Chasman & Chapman, brewers. He is a McCloskey man and was for several years secretary to the late Judge Robert Hoy.

POLICE HELPED BURGLARS ROB, IS CHARGE IN NEWARK

Patrolman Held in \$5,000 Bail,
Second Suspended, With
Fireman.

One policeman is held on a charge of burglary and a policeman and fireman are under suspension in Newark following confessions of alleged burglars that they operated under the protection of three policemen in the Newark Second Precinct.

Patrolman Godfrey Hohn, following a grilling at Headquarters this morning, was arrested and later arraigned before Judge Boettner. He pleaded not guilty to a charge of burglary and was held for action of the Grand Jury.

Simultaneously Patrolman Morris Kerwin of the Second Precinct and Fireman George Gardner of Truck Company No. 3, were suspended. Capt. Frank E. Bree, of the Detective Bureau, and Acting Chief McElmott of the Fire Department, say the two are implicated in the alleged combination between burglars and police. Until last April the fireman, Gardner, was a patrolman attached to the Second Precinct.

Two of the three burglars said to be involved, through their own confessions, with the policemen, were arraigned on charges of the theft of auto tires valued at \$1,415 from the Broad Tire Company, No. 234 Broad Street, Newark, one of the thefts specified by them in their alleged confessions implicating Hohn and the other.

The alleged burglars arraigned and held in \$5,000 bail each, were Louis Iovine, nineteen, of No. 79 Orange Street, and Ralph Seraglio, No. 38 Drift Street, both of Newark. A third man arrested with these two has not been arraigned.

Capt. Bree says Iovine told him that he had met Hohn last November, and that the policeman then suggested the robbery of a tailor shop on Broad Street. This place was not robbed.

The robbery of the wholesale wine store of Maricose & Markes at No. 200 Eighth Avenue, Newark, according to Iovine, was planned by himself and three Newark policemen. More than \$1,000 worth of wine was obtained here. Iovine also told Capt. Bree that Hohn had told him of a butcher on Warren Street who always "carried a great deal of money," and suggested a hold-up.

Patrolman Hohn admitted, it is said, a couple of men had asked him about places to rob, but he had laughed at them, believing they were joking.

WOMAN HELPS POLICE SPRING BURGLAR TRAP.

Building Surrounded and Two Men
Taken in Pistol Battle.

The police reserves of the West 20th Street station surrounded No. 224 West 27th Street at half past 1 o'clock this morning after a woman living in an adjacent apartment had reported she heard burglars at work. Policemen McGillivuddy went in by the front door, opened for him by a watchman, and chased to the roof two men who, the police said, were packing furs in burlap bags in the loft of A. Sternbach.

With their escape cut off at the roof, the men turned on McGillivuddy and several shots were exchanged. Other policemen came to his aid and the two men were arrested. They said they were Philip Barwell, of No. 31 West 20th Street, and William Kearny, of No. 419 West 20th Street.

The building had been entered by forcing apart the iron bars of a rear window with an automobile lifting jack, which had then been used to break the fastenings of an iron inner shutter.

BANDITS GET \$3,000 IN BIG RESTAURANT NEAR BROADWAY

Two Firms Lose Payrolls, One
of \$7,000 to Lone Robber,
Who Shoots Man.

The police are searching for several groups of bandits who have committed successful robberies within the last twenty-four hours.

Five of them entered the Palace Rotisserie at No. 141 West 45th Street yesterday afternoon and collected more than \$3,000 in cash and jewelry from the proprietor, Benjamin Salvin, and eight other men, all of whom were forced to back against the wall to be searched. The bandits escaped in an automobile.

Michael Best, Philip O'Connell and John Powers were arrested several hours later on suspicion of being connected with the Salvin robbery and held in \$3,000 bail each by Magistrate McQuade for hearing Wednesday in West Side Court.

A little later three armed men held up the paymaster and thirty men waiting in line for their pay at the office of M. F. Donovan & Sons, Pier 80, West 40th Street. The paymaster, William J. O'Toole, gave up \$1,075.92. The bandits ran to 11th Avenue, turned south and disappeared.

Otto Waite and William Marren, messengers for the Auto-Stop Safety Razor Company, No. 951 First Avenue, were robbed of the \$7,000 payroll by an armed man in the elevator at that address. Michael Moran, sixty-two, too dead to bear the "hands up" command, got a bullet in his side and is in a serious condition at Bellevue Hospital. The robber got away in an automobile.

James Moran of No. 416 Warren Street, Brooklyn, and William Martin, No. 164 Butler Street, that borough, were held at Police Headquarters yesterday on charges by District Attorney Lewis of robbery in the first degree after Martin had confessed that they and another man, whose name was not divulged, had held up Thomas Doyle, a restaurant supply broker of No. 9 Christopher Street, Manhattan, and taken \$431 from him at the pistol point.

"DROWNING" OF SHARPE A PRANK BY HIS FRIENDS.